

2007 Uni/RAIA Lecture Series

School of Architecture & Built Environment
The University of Newcastle

and

Royal Australian Institute of Architects
Newcastle Division

Venue: all talks are at Customs House, cnr Watt and Bond Streets, Newcastle East

Wednesdays, 6.00 – 7.00pm

free for students

Registration will commence at 5.30pm - lectures will commence at 6.00pm

Speakers

John Wardle

Wednesday, 28 February 2007

John Wardle, Principal of Melbourne-based John Wardle Architects, will discuss the firm's work in the light of his recent award-winning buildings for UniSA's City West campus. The project, consisting of education spaces for architecture and art, seeks to connect the campus to the urban fabric and to revitalise a quarter of the city. John's beautifully crafted buildings reveal a special care for detail, within an intense formal consistency.

ARM

Wednesday, 07 March 2007

Neil Masterton, Principal of Ashton Raggatt McDougall Architects (ARM), will discuss the firm's work in the context of the following pressing issues: 'Farewell the Arcadian Academy? What now for the University Building, in a very brown land, in uncertain times? What is the likely relationship with the Urban? Have we exhausted all possible relationships between University Buildings, The Campus and The City? Is there anything new to be found?' Over the last ten years, ARM has been at the forefront of design-led investigations into digital architecture.

BVN

Wednesday, 14 March 2007

James Grose, Principal of Bligh Voller Nield Architects (BVN), will talk about the firm's recent university buildings. The practice has attracted a wide variety of commissions, both nationally and internationally. Their architecture is one of courtyards and atriums, such as the L5 Teaching Centre, which acts as a gateway to the university campus. Their institutional and public buildings are based on a principled approach; enforcing the civic role those buildings play. James is also Conjoint Professor at the School of Architecture and Built Environment.

Hassell

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

Luke Johnson, Associate at Hassell, Sydney, will discuss recent Hassell projects for education buildings in a variety of Australian contexts. His talk has the title: 'More with less. Squeezing the education budget to achieve sustainable built solutions for a focused teaching and learning environment that contributes positively to student / staff experiences and the campus context.' Hassell seek out sustainable solutions to the challenge of designing for our built and landscaped environments.

The University and the City

In Australia over the last ten years, universities have been commissioning innovative architecture and enabling architects to realise their ideas of how teaching and learning might occur in the 21st century. It's a period of expansion, where old university buildings are being upgraded, new facilities designed, and younger universities are looking for a more progressive image.

This lecture series on recent architecture for educational buildings with a focus on sustainable campus design will present the work of four practices. The work of those practices is creatively derived from a rigorous analysis and understanding of the site and brief. A campus can be like a small city.

The talk series relates to the vision of a new 'City Campus' in the centre of Newcastle, which presents probably one of our most significant regeneration opportunities. Such a 'City Campus' merged into the surrounding city has a huge potential to contribute to the urban renewal of Newcastle, to foster community engagement, and to enhance the already existing strong links between the city and the university.

The School of Architecture and Built Environment and the Newcastle Division of the RAI A have frequently worked together developing speaker programs for local practitioners, architecture students and the wider community. We are very pleased that the School is again able to co-host this important series of talks by leading Australian practitioners from Sydney and Melbourne.

Prof. Steffen Lehmann

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Once again the Newcastle Division of the RAI A has the opportunity to join with the School of Architecture and Built Environment to present a special series of talks by noted professionals working in the unique area of architecture for educational buildings. Each of the architectural firms represented in the lecture series have had the opportunity to work on a range of building types over a number of different campuses throughout Australia. The solutions from each of these practices for their individual projects are as diverse as their client faculty or building location, and yet they each rely on the common thread of an underlying strength of design philosophy. The RAI A is proud to be associated with presenting such a talented group of award winning architectural practices.

Thank you to our sponsor, Northrop Consulting Engineers for their contribution, and we look forward to their continued support for future joint Uni-RAI A special presentations.

David Rose

Chair, RAI A Newcastle Division



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